

REMARKS

The amendments and remarks hereto attend to all outstanding issues in the pending office action of 2 June 2008. Claims 8-11, 45 and 83 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 12-30, 43, 44, 46-72, 77-82 and 84-105 are hereby canceled without prejudice. Claims 2, 5, 31-42 and 73-76 were previously canceled. Claim 8 is hereby amended without adding new matter to include the limitations of now canceled claims 1 and 6. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's entry of the submission of a Request for Continued Examination as filed on 21 February 2008, as well as the withdrawal of the finality of the previous Office Action mailed 21 August 2007. Applicants believe that the amendments above place the application into condition for allowance, as will be further discussed immediately below.

Allowable subject matter

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 8-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim 1 and intervening claim 6. Claims 9-11 each depend directly from claim 8 and are therefore now allowable.

Allowed claims

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 45 and 83.

CONCLUSION

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been overcome and that the application is in condition for allowance. Hence, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims under immediate consideration, and passage to issue of the application is solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at 303-410-9254.

Respectfully submitted,
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